

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (amended herein above) A pharmaceutical composition adapted for use in capsular dosage forms comprising:

acetaminophen as an active ingredient and a solvent system comprising a l-lactate [~~lactate~~] salt.

Claim 2 (canceled by the above amendment).

Claim 3 (amended herein above) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 1 [2] wherein the l-lactate salt is sodium l-lactate.

Claim 4 (amended herein above) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 1 [2] wherein the solvent system of the composition further comprises an alkali metal acetate salt.

Claim 5 (original) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 4 wherein the alkali metal acetate salt is potassium acetate.

Claim 6 (original) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 1 wherein the solvent system further comprises polyethylene glycol and polyvinyl pyrrolidone.

Claim 7 (original) A pharmaceutical composition comprising:
acetaminophen in an amount of at least about 40% by weight;
sodium l-lactate in an amount of at least about 4.0% by weight; and
potassium acetate in an amount of at least about 4.0% by weight.

Claim 8 (original) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 7 wherein said acetaminophen is present in an amount of about 42% by weight.

Claim 9 (amended herein above) A capsular dosage form containing a pharmaceutical composition comprising:
acetaminophen as an active ingredient and a solvent system comprising an alkali metal l-lactate [~~lactate~~] salt.

Claim 10 (canceled by the above amendment)

Claim 11 (amended herein above) The capsular dosage form of claim 9 [40] wherein the l-lactate salt is sodium l-lactate.

Claim 12 (original) The capsular dosage form of claim 9 wherein the solvent system further comprises an alkali metal acetate salt.

Claim 13 (original) The capsular dosage form of claim 12 wherein the alkali metal acetate salt is potassium acetate.

Claim 14 (original) The capsular dosage form of claim 9 wherein the solvent system of the composition further comprises polyethylene glycol and polyvinyl pyrrolidone.

Claim 15 (original) The capsular dosage form of claim 9 wherein the composition comprises the following formula:

acetaminophen in an amount of at least about 40% by weight;
sodium l-lactate in an amount of at least about 4.0% by weight; and
potassium acetate in an amount of at least about 4.0% by weight.

Claim 16 (original) The capsular dosage form of claim 15 wherein acetaminophen is present in an amount of about 42% by weight.

Claim 17 (original) The capsular dosage form of claim 9 wherein the capsular material comprises gelatin.